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## Statement from Executive Director Camille Cain on the Star of Texas Award Ceremony

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AUSTIN—Camille Cain, Executive Director of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, issued this statement regarding the Star of Texas Award given to the family of Richard Hale:

"Today Governor Greg Abbott honored the life and service of Richard Hale, a deputy inspector general for TJJD who died in May while on duty. Chief Inspector General Forrest Mitchell and I had the privilege to be at the Capitol with Richard's wife Jenifer and son Thomas as they accepted the Star of Texas Award for his sacrifice. Richard served the State of Texas and his local community for sixteen years as a police officer, volunteer firefighter, and paramedic before joining TJJD in 2017. Our agency feels his loss each day, and I hope this award is a reminder to his family of the lasting impact he had on everyone who knew him."



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